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## National Organizations

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CDC awards funds to 12 national organizations to educate their constituents about breast and cervical cancers, to increase access to breast and cervical cancer screening among priority populations, and to develop strategies for reaching priority populations in collaboration with state health agencies.

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### American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

*AARP builds coalitions with many types of organizations to increase the number of women 50 and older who get annual mammograms and to educate older women about available options to pay for screening, including use of the Medicare mammography benefit.*

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### American Federation of Teachers Education Foundation (AFT)

*The AFT project is committed to supporting programs that will enhance the health of women. The AFT Breast and Cervical Cancer project has developed several strategies including publishing information that describes the objectives of the project, cervical cancer and its detection, breast cancer and its detection and various information kits for members who request specific disease or treatment facts. The organization is cooperating with state health agencies in all sites to include them in the education and work site screening development.*

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### American Indian Health Care Association, Inc.

*Educational materials are being developed that are sensitive to the cultural norms of Native American women regarding the early detection of breast and cervical cancer. Computerized tracking systems are being developed which will be used to track Native American women with breast and/or cervical cancer. The software should provide all 36 urban Indian clinics with patient management reports as well as reports which indicate the incidence and prevalence of breast and cervical cancer. The software will also generate effectiveness reports for the clinics.*

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### National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Service Organizations (COSSMHO)

*COSSMHO has established the Salud Para Todas Task Force on the prevention of breast and cervical cancers among Hispanic women. The Task Force's objective is to improve access and delivery of comprehensive breast and cervical cancer screening services by linking with state and local health departments, Hispanic community-based organizations, and comprehensive cancer centers.*

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### Mayo Foundation, Inc

*Provides training and ongoing support to mid-level providers to conduct clinical breast exams and Pap tests in the seven-state area served by the Aberdeen and Bemidji Indian Health Service Areas. Participants are learning to use culturally sensitive and culturally specific methods to recruit American Indian women patients.*

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### National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc. (NCBA)

*NCBA is collaborating with national organizations with the capacity to interface locally with medically underserved older women, especially women of color, to increase their awareness, involvement, and participation in breast and cervical cancer prevention, screening, and treatment programs as well as to develop culturally relevant community-based intervention strategies.*

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## National Education Association

NEA generates training materials on work-site breast and cervical cancer early detection and control programs in local schools, develops model policies for local school districts and collective control services, and establishes networks throughout the country that will increase breast and cervical cancer screening messages among its members.

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## National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCaA)

Implements a peer-based outreach program and "health circles" initiative to improve the delivery of comprehensive breast and cervical cancer early detection and control programs for midlife and older Latina women, ages 55-75.

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## National Center for Farmworker Health

The NCFH seeks to reduce cost and create access to breast and cervical cancer screening by recruiting, training, and supervising farmworker women and Traveling Lay Health Advisors (TLHAs). The TLHAs provide basic education on women's health, referral to breast and cervical cancer screening sites, tracking and follow-up services, and translation of services for farmworkers.

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## Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

The Komen Foundation has initiated a coordinated approach to breast health education and breast and cervical screening for Hispanic women in the Fort Worth, Texas, community. Educational and outreach efforts as well as clinical exams are being coordinated with existing health department, hospital, and American Cancer Society programs.

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## World Education

The project introduces an early detection breast and cervical cancer curriculum into Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classrooms across the United States. The Health Education and Adult Literacy (HEAL) project is introducing education curriculum and materials focused on early detection and control of breast and cervical cancer into adult basic education and English for speakers of other languages programs across the country.

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## YWCA of the U.S.A.

The ENCORE-Plus program provides women with a spectrum of support services related to breast and cervical health including community outreach and education, referral to clinical screening services, and follow-up through diagnostic and treatment services. The YWCA of the U.S.A. also partners with Avon Products, Inc., through Avon's Breast Cancer Awareness Crusade. The Crusade is a multi-year, grassroots campaign to bring breast cancer education and access to early detection services to women nationwide, especially underserved, minority and older women.

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